

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Original) A method of testing user equipment ~~for operational suitability with an in-flight communication system, the method comprising the steps of:~~

identifying an operator of said user equipment,

testing said user equipment for a set of predetermined parameters prior to boarding an aircraft,

comparing said test results with a predefined criteria to determine a Pass or Fail status regarding an operational suitability of said user equipment with an in-flight communication system, and

communicating said Pass or Fail status and said operator identity to a database accessible by said in-flight communication system,

2. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said user equipment is a mobile phone.

3. (Original) A method as claims in Claim 2, wherein said set of predetermined parameters includes user equipment power level.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the set of predefined parameters includes at least one of adjacent channel leakage and waveform quality.

5. (New) An apparatus for testing a passenger's user equipment comprising:

a test machine configured to perform the following before the passenger boards an aircraft :

access the passenger's information,

identify an air interface utilized by the passenger's user equipment,

retrieve the identification number of the passenger's user equipment,

test the user equipment for operational suitability with an in-flight communication system,

the apparatus further comprising a database accessible by the in-flight communication system for receiving from the test machine the identification number of the passenger's user equipment and a Pass or Fail status resulting from the test of the user equipment.

6. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the test machine is configured to test the user equipment for operational suitability with an in-flight communication system by testing an air interface of the user equipment.

7. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the test machine is configured to test the user equipment for operational suitability with an in-flight communication system by testing the user equipment for at least one of out of band transmissions, transmitted power levels, and sensitivity.